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Annotations

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1. Opening of the session

The session will be opened by the Chairman of the Committee on Information

2. Appointment of new members

In accordance with General Assembly decision 48/318 of 10 December 1993, Gabon and Israel will be appointed as members of the Committee on Information.

3. Election of officers

A communication has been received by the secretariat to the effect that the position of a Vice-Chairman representing the Group of African States has been vacated. As a result, the Committee will have to elect a Vice-Chairman for the unexpired term of the Bureau, in accordance with the agreement reached at the organizational session of the Committee held in 1980 that stipulated that the principle of geographical rotation was to be applied to all officers of the Committee. 1/

4. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda has been prepared on the basis of consultations among the members of the Bureau.

5. Statement by the Chairman

The Chairman will address the Committee at its opening meeting.

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6. General debate and consideration of substantive questions 2/

(a) Promotion of the establishment of a new, more just and more effective world information and communication order intended to strengthen peace and international understanding and based on the free circulation and wider and better balanced dissemination of information

Consideration of this item will include the following written report:

Report of the Secretary-General containing the observations and suggestions by Member States on ways and means of furthering the development of communication infrastructures and capabilities in developing countries, with a view to consolidating recent experience in the field of international cooperation aimed at enabling them to develop their own information and communication capabilities, freely and independently.

(b) Continuation of the examination of United Nations public information policies and activities, in the light of the evolution of international relations, and of the need to establish the new international economic order as well as the new world information and communication order

Consideration of sub-items under this agenda item will include the following written reports:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of Development Forum;

(ii) Report of the Secretary-General on the publications of the Department of Public Information;

(iii) Report of the Secretary-General on the integration of the United Nations information centres with the field offices of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);

(iv) Report of the Secretary-General on the allocation of resources from the regular budget of the United Nations to the United Nations information centres during 1993;

(v) Report of the Secretary-General on the enhancing, reactivation and establishment of United Nations information centres.

(c) Evaluation and follow-up of the efforts made and the progress achieved by the United Nations system in the field of information and communications

Report on the activities of the Joint United Nations Information Committee.

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7. Preparation and adoption of the report of the Committee on Information to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 21 (A/35/21), para. 8 (a).

2/ The wording of paragraph 6 (a), (b) and (c) is based on General Assembly resolution 34/182 of 18 December 1979.